Statement

*Demand and allotment of Rice and wheat to Maharashtra for PDS during the last ^months (March— August* 1988)

(000 Tonnes)

| Month | Demand | | Allotment | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Rice | Wheat | Rice | Wheat |
| March, 1988 . . . . . b | 75.0 | 100.0 | 60.0 | 80.0 |
| April, 1988 . . . . . | 80.0 | 125.0 | 60.0 | 80.0 |
| May, 1988 . . . . . | 80.0 | 125.0 | 60.0 | 80.0 |
| June, 1988 . . . . . | 80.0 | 125.0 | 60.0 | 80.0 |
| July, 1988 . . . . . | 80.0 | 125.0 | 60.0 | 85.0 |
| August, 1988 . . . . . | 80.0 | 125.0 | 60.0 | 85.0 |

**Claims pending under the Crop Insurance Scheme**

436. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount pending with the General Insurance Corporation as the dues of the farmers under Crop Insurance Scheme during the last three years; year-wise and State-wise; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to see that the insured and assured amount is paid to farmers immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MJENTSTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) A Statement is enclosed. [See Appendix CXLVII, Annexure No. 19]

(b) The State Governments have been advised to provide the General Insurance Corporation of India with complete yield data within a period of 4 months after the end of a given season so that the indemnity payable to the farmers are settled expeditiously. The General Insurance Corporation of India has also been advised to work out the details of claims payable within 2 months of the receipt of yield data by them from State Governments.

**Regional water supply scheme In Maharashtra**

437. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the projects of Regional Water Supply Scheme in Maharashtra recommended by the Maharashtra Government to the Government of India for bilateral assistance to a suitable donor; and

(b) the action taken by the Government of India in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The Govern-

merit of Maharashtra had been following projects for bilateral assistance:

| SI.No. | Name of the Scheme | Cost (Rs. in crores) | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | Original | Revised |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1 | Regional Rural Water Supply Scheme (RRWSS) for Balunki and other 11 villages in Sangli District. | 3.94 | 4 08 |
| 2 | RRWSS for Manorajuri and other 21 villages In Sangll District ..... | 6. 71 | 161 |
| 3 | RRWSS for 81 villages in BhusawaJ and Idlabad Taluka | 1099 | 11 37 |
| 4 | R RWSS for 51 villages in Taluka A raalpur and Dhule in Jalgaon and Dhule Distt . . . . . | 3.78 | 3.92. |
| *i* | RRWSS for 89 villages in Kanjat and Alibag Talukas of Raigad Distt..... | 8-37 | Revised project yet to be received from State Government. |

(b) The schemes at SI. No. i to 4 were got revised from the State Government to highlight the social impact of the projects and for other change required by the donor agency.

The revised, schemes have been forwarded to Finance Ministry for posing to suitable donor agency for bilateral assistance. The scheme at SI. No. 5 has been referred back to the State Government for certain modifications.

**National programme on AIR**

438. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India Radio opened a channel for broadcast of national programmes;

(b) if so, what is its frequency and the time and duration of the national programme service;

(c) the name of the Station from where that service is being operated; and

(d) whether the above service is clearly audible in the major cities and towns of the country?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGATj: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The frequency is 1566 KHz corresponding to 191.57 Meter Wave Length, on Medium Wave. The time of Broadcast is from 1900 Hrs. to 0230 Hrs. daily.

(c) The service is being operated from the 1000 KW MW transmitter which is located at Nagpur and studios at New Delhi.

(d) The National Channel Transmitter at Nagpur covers 53 per cent population of the country. While the States of Maharashtra, Goa, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Union Territory of Delhi are fully served, the Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Orissa; Gujarat States are being served partially. Its coverage is not presently available to the remaining States and Union Territories in the country.

**Increase in the TV coverage**

439. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up any schemes to increase